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UPGRADATION OF COASTAL HIGHWAYS
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Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Gujarat has 25% of the country's coastline;

(b) whether all sections of the coastal highways along Gujarat have been upgraded to national highways;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the time by which these are likely to be upgraded?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIYAPPA)

(a) to (d) A length of 1034 kilometer of roads along the coastline in Gujarat has already been declared as National Highways. This includes 350 kilometer length of roads declared as National Highways in February 2004. The declaration of any road as a National Highway depends not only on the consideration that it runs along the coast but on several other considerations including traffic needs, inter-se priority on all India basis and availability of resources. At present emphasis is being given for development of roads already declared as National Highways instead of declaring more roads as National Highways.